How to Request and Use Internet-based NWSChat

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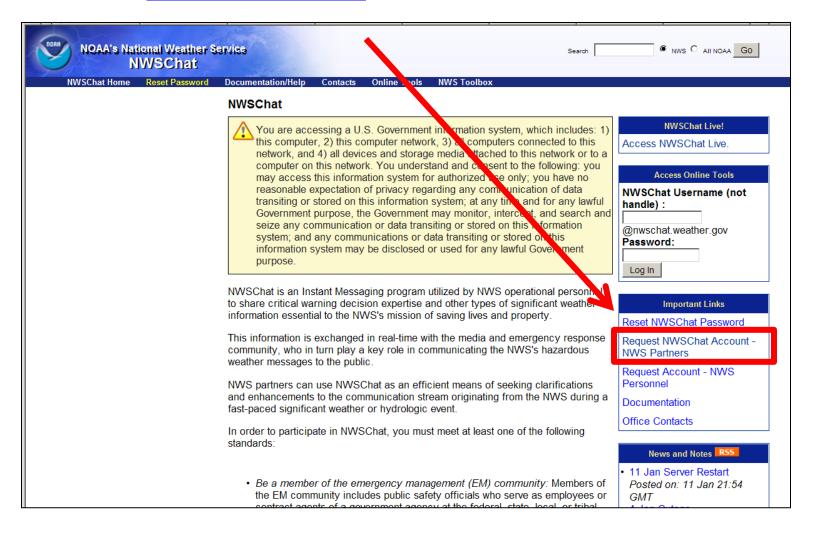
- Utilized by NWS operational personnel to share critical warning decision expertise and other types of significant weather information essential to the NWS's mission of saving lives and property.
- Information is exchanged in real-time with the media and emergency response community, who in turn play a key role in communicating the NWS's hazardous weather messages to the public.
- NWS partners can use NWSChat as an efficient means of seeking clarifications and enhancements to the communication stream originating from the NWS during a fast-paced significant weather or hydrologic event.

Target Audience?:

- Members of the emergency management (EM) community
- Government partners of NWS offices
 - FAA, Land and Water Management (Fire), etc.
- Members of the electronic media

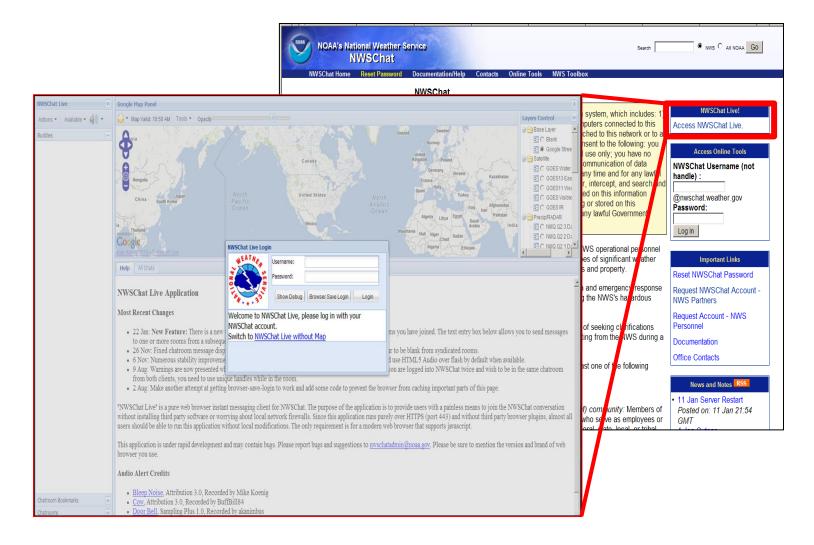
Establish an account – It's easy

• Go to: https://nwschat.weather.gov/



Access NWSChat Live

- Once account is created and confirmation from NWS is received, click on "Access NWSChat Live" link.
- Then username/password window appears



NWSChat Live Page with Google Map Interface

"Actions" button:

- To join group chat rooms or add Buddy lists
- The address format to join a NWS (xxxchat) chat room and/or a GACC (xxxxfirechat) chat room:

x's = NWS/GACC office acronym

stochat - Sacramento
ekachat - Eureka
mfrchat - Medford
revchat - Reno
mtrchat - Monterey
hnxchat - Hanford
onccfirechat - North Ops
osccfirechat - South Ops

"Layers Control" button – Control which background layers are displayed

